

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1394

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to honor the life and legacy of Coty Harrison Bluford of Lenoir City.

WHEREAS, in expressing deep sorrow for the loss of a beloved member of our community, the elected representatives of the State of Tennessee wish to honor the memory of Coty Harrison Bluford, a person whose very life is an inspiration to those he has left behind; and

WHEREAS, Coty Bluford was the cherished son of Lisa Harvey and her husband, Gary Lynn, and Henry Bluford and his wife, Julia, and will be remembered as a most remarkable human being whose life ended all too soon; and

WHEREAS, a freshman at Lenoir City High School, Coty lent his athletic talents to the Varsity Football Team and Freshman Basketball Team; in addition, he was an avid outdoorsman; and

WHEREAS, he evinced his devout religious faith as a member of First Baptist Church and through attendance at Vaughn's Chapel Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, a blessing to all who knew him, Mr. Bluford's spirit will be lovingly remembered; and

WHEREAS, Coty Bluford was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bluford was a tremendous source of pride for his parents, who survive him, his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his parents, Coty is survived by his brother, Connor Harvey; his sisters, Rebekah Bluford and Katie Bluford; his grandparents, Oscar and Donna Lane, and Mary Bluford; his great-grandmother, Helen Lane; his aunts, Monica Lane, Tammy Gallaher and her husband, Paul, and Carol Robinette; his many great-aunts, cousins, and friends; and his girlfriend, Taylor Stachowicz; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bluford was preceded in death by his grandfather, Henry Bluford, Sr.; his great-grandfather, Oscar Lane, Sr.; his uncle, Gary Wilson; and his cousins, Wanda Lane and Amanda Lane; and

WHEREAS, Coty Bluford leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the valiant, values-driven, and deeply spiritual life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory and commend the legacy of Coty Harrison Bluford, a person for whom life was an adventure and a gift, as we reflect fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our most sincere condolences to the family and friends of Coty Bluford.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.